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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. Baker 4-15-3-2-2

In re application of: Betty A. McDaniel; William Edward Baker; Narender R. Vangati;  
Mauricio Calle; and James T. Kirk

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For: Method of Improving the Lookup Performance of Tree-Type Knowledge Base Searches

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 04/09/2007 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Statement contains language that attempts to characterize the claimed subject matter. The Applicant submits, however, that the language in the Statement does not accurately characterize any of the claims. In particular, the Statement states that independent claims 1, 18, 23 and 31 specify "retrieving attributes for a data packet by searching with a decision tree such that a first portion of the decision tree is stored on a first memory having a faster access time than that of a second memory on which a second portion of the decision tree is stored." The Applicant submits that this language does not appear in any of the claims. In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

Respectfully submitted,

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